

TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE JAMESON

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Stephanie Jameson, recipient of the 2008 Dundalk Optimist Club Humanitarian of the Year Award. To be eligible for this award, the recipient must live outside of Dundalk, but be very involved with the Dundalk community.

Stephanie has been a very active member of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation (DRC), acting as a former president of the organization as well as the current treasurer. Aside from being an active member during meetings, Stephanie volunteers her time sitting on interviewing and hiring committees,

handling very difficult personnel issues with which the DRC has been confronted.

While Stephanie resides in Anne Arundel County, she owns a State Farm office located in Dundalk and has thrown herself into community renovations there. Her Dundalk community activities include sponsoring Community Assistance Network families at Thanksgiving, as well as sponsoring a drunk-driving simulator at the Community College of Baltimore County in Dundalk and a Dundalk recreation council baseball team.

Stephanie participated in the 2001 Survey for the Urban Design Assistance Team (UDAT), which was made up of architects, urban planners and residents, which published a proposed revitalization plan for Dundalk in April 2002. State Farm offered to match the DRC's \$15,000 to help the DRC in promoting the UDAT plan. Thanks to Stephanie's hard work, the DRC also received a grant from

State Farm for an additional \$75,000, which the DRC has used for buying and renovating its first homes to sell in Dundalk.

Since 2004, the DRC has been able to purchase local homes, renovate, and sell them to promote the area, thanks to the grant money Stephanie was able to secure. The grant money has been a remarkable help to the Dundalk community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Stephanie Jameson on being named the 2008 Dundalk Optimist Club Humanitarian of the Year. Her legacy as an active member of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation will be forever preserved in the DRC's many community projects. It is with great pride that I congratulate Stephanie Jameson on her exemplary service to the Dundalk community.